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The Director

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Statements in Support of a Central Intelligence Agency

1. In a statement before the House Appropriations Sub-committee for the State Department, General Marshall stated that:

"The establishment of a sound foreign policy is based to a considerable extent on the collection and analysis of complete and timely political and economic intelligence. Our research and intelligence organization has now been fully integrated into the Department to provide this service for all offices concerned. This organization also provides political and economic intelligence required by the Central Intelligence Agency in carrying out its mission." (Hearings, p. 7).

2. Statement by General of the Army, George C. Marshall, Chief of Staff, War Department General Staff, before the Senate Committee on Military Affairs, 18 October 1945:

"'Intelligence' relates to purpose as well as to military capacity to carry out that purpose. The point, I think, is we should know as much as we possibly can of the possible intent and the capability of any other country in the world. . . .Prior to entering the war we had little more than what a military attache could learn at a dinner, more or less, over the coffee cups. . . .Today I think we see clearly we must know what the other fellow is planning to do, in our own defense. . . .The important point is that the necessity applies equally outside of the armed forces. It includes the State Department and other functions of the Government, and it should therefore be correlated on that level." (Hearings, p. 61).

3. On 10 June 1947, before the House Committee on Expenditures, Mr. Forrestal as Secretary of the Navy listed the Central Intelligence Agency as second only to the National Security Council among the essentials of the bill. He stated:

"The need for that (the CIA) should be obvious to all of us."

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